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Venice learned early in the war that if she wished to save her historical treasurers from the bombs of Austrian and German airmen that she must remove them to Rome or bury them beneath bags of sand. Venice has had over one hundred bombardments. The city today is heaped with these bags of sand and cement, defending the treasures of the world against a ruthless enemy. Already Venice has lost much.

It would seem that Austria and Germany would look ahead to the consequences of such acts of destruction, would realize that the broken pieces have brought forgetfulness of other place in the national life."-Idem atrocities.

IVY DAY

Traditions are intangible yet stable. They are fleeting yet permanent. A tradition should not be followed blindly. There is a significant reason for it existing. If the custom does not he conquest."—Idem., p. 32.

help for a better school it would no "The state (which realizes the high-bave been handed down to us by past est form of the culture of the race) be allowed to cry peace! until generations of students. Ivy Day means more than a day when work is put aside, a day when honors and responsibilities are bestowed, a day the May Queen is crowned, when historic documents are read, when there

Ivy Day is a tradition. We are experiencing today the enjoyments Ne ought to be abandoned; but if success vindicate human rights and to deterbraska students have had for years is assured, it is not merely justified, mine whether the will of the peopleon this day. Today is another link in it becomes actually a duty of the state the chain that binds the school as it toward itself."-Idem., p. 43. Lasson, is today with the school as it was in writing after the Austro-Prussian war yesteryears and as it will be in the

A STUDENT COUNCIL

Why has the University of Nebraska no student council? While the student body of other universities of the Ivy Day Oration, May 11, 1918, Everett country is self-governing, Nebraska clings to the old way. A student council government has been successful wherever it has been tried.

Last year students voted to have a student council here. The authorities agreed, the plans were completed. But this year on account of the war, the plan was discarded for the time at ing of spring and welcomes the birds flag of service-to you, who have gone least. It was agreed that the 'stu- and flowers and the beauties of nadents who would be members of the ture. The ivy is planted to increase her spirit and conscious of her high council would be leaving school, that that spirit and to keep alive the tradi- ideals and are now fighting to upmembership in the council would be tions of our beloved institution. changing, that, therefore, the council

Are not the students who are left able to govern themselves? The average intelligence of a university student body should be at least equal to held sacred so long by you are in danthe average intelligence of the people of the United States, and the United by that robe of freedom and justice States is not suspending self govern- that flows so gracefully from your ment until after the war.

WAR AS THE SOLE ARBITER

"We have clearly seen that war is both justifiable and moral, and that the ideal of perpetual peace is not only impossible but immoral as well." -Treitschke, Politics, 1916, II, 899.

which points with special satisfaction solemn remembrance for those honto the proud height of its culture, ored ones, the living and the departed. which is only too willing to boast of All those who then will have fought its international cosmopolitanism, and 'Over There' will not witness this flatters itself with visionary dreams of scene, but their spirit will live and be the possibility of an everlasting peace ever present. throughout the world. This view of life is un-German and does not be all mankind. This huge banner means come us."-The Crown Prince, in that a mighty army of men who drank Deutschland in Waffen, 1913.

peace as a result of this war. Heaven lighting to defend their country's defend Germany from that "-Oskar cause. A. H. Schmitz, in Das wirkliche!

Deutschland, 1914, p. 19. Schmitz is a writer in politics and literature.

"Arbitration treaties must be peculiarly detrimental to an aspiring people which has not yet reached its political and national zenith and is bent on expanding its power in order to play its part honorably in the civilized world. Every arbitration court must originate in a certain political status; it must regard this as legally constituted, and must treat any alterations, however necessary, to which the whole of the contracting parties do not agree as an encroachment. In this way every progressive change is arrested, and a legal position created which may easily conflict with the actual turn of affairs and may check the expansion of the young and vigorous state in favor of one which is sinking in the scale of civilization."-F. von Bernhardi, Germany and the Next War (1911), trans. 1914, p. 32.

"Between states regarded as intelligent beings disputes can be settled only by material force. War is therefore associated with the notion of a state. If you suppress war you must therefore remove the state, or what amounts to the same thing; the plurality of states; you must set up universal despotism, universal slavery." -Lasson, Das Kulturideal und der Krieg. 1868, pp. 15-16. A popular edition has been published recently. Lasson is professor of philosophy at the University of Berlin, and one of the leading philosophers of Germany.

really no state. A state is really manifest only in its preparation for war." -Idem., p. 17.

"War is the fundamental phenomenon in the life of a state, and preparation for it assumes a preponderant

"It is not alone that which it already has that a state defends by war; it is even more that which, as yet, it has not, but regards as a necessary gain from the war. It is absurd to inveigh against wars of conquest; the

est form of the culture of the race) can realize itself only by the destruction of other states, which, logically, can only be brought about by violence."-Idem., p. 35.

"Only the fear of an outside power is the same as that of Bernhardi.

NEBRASKA STARS

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"We come before you today, our Lady of the May, to celebrate the spirit of the University of Nebraska, of and blazed the trail for those of us which you are the emblem. In seasons past that spirit was represented by joy and gaiety, the symbol of youth and sacred rights-to you, our knights of happiness. Ivy day bespeaks the com- liberty, represented on this gigantic

form. A new duty has befallen you most noble cause: the defense of free-You, Queen of the May, face the dom, justice and humanity-to you, greatest hour in the history of the University of Nebraska. Those tradi- battle fields of France, we dedicate tions, those ideals, those principles this flag. And the Ivy we now plant ger. That spirit is now represented shoulders. Those colors are full of meaning to every one of us. Shall you not see to it that it remains pure and spotiess, that that cause for which (Aims of the Germans in their own men are so freely giving their lives shall not be lost?

"That spirit in future years shall be dearer to us than it has ever been be fore. May Queens that follow after you to this throne will hold Old Glory in the one hand and the names of her heroes on the inscribed scroll in "Today, indeed, we live in a time the other, and will bow their heads in

"These stars outspread at your feet represent the gift to a nation and to of the cup of learning at Nebraska "We must not look for permanent are now the brave knights of liberty

"That cause is as old as the nation



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itself. When Independence was declared in 1776, the Fathers of this country raised aloft the Stars and Stripes over this land, and their spirit has increased as years have passed. Their struggle was not an easy one. Old Glory led them through rivers of blood and oceans of fire, that liberty might be born to men. The names of "A state organized only for peace is those men who fell in defense of that flag are carved deep on the mountains of time. Since that great event, other nations have thrown off autocracy and still others are following in rapid succession. That cause was again tested in this country in the great Civil War and again right triumphed over wrong. Now once more the cause of freedom is in peril. And our nation, together with other free nations, is involved in the greatest struggle of all history for its preser-

A Noble Struggle "We are all conscious that there is something noble, something divine in peace shall have come to stay and militarism and imperialism, with all their crimes and dishonors, shall be thrust from off the earth. The men who have devoted their lives to this war have devoted themselves to the world's can impose limits on the territorial greatest cause: to justice, to liberty, is music and dancing and picnic expansion of the state. Any interven- to humanity. These stars mean lives tion- (in the affairs of other states) spent in service and in highest devonot encouraged by favorable auspices tion to humanity. Our struggle is to of our own people and of all peoplesshall be respected in the conduct of

their own governments. "We who witness the dedication of and two years before the Franco these stars are, I trust, patriotic to the Prussian, manifests a spirit which as core, freedom ringing from our very an octogenarian he has not lost; it souls, but they who are represented there have proved their patriotism and their loyalty to that noble cause. It is to them that we wish on this occasion to pay the highest tribute and respect in remembrance of their sacrifice for our generation and for future generations.

"To you, brave sons of Nebraska, who have answered your country's call who are about to follow-to you, our heroes, who guard humanity's most out from this University, filled with hold that spirit and those ideals-to "Today that spirit has taken a new you, who have enlisted in the world's who represent us in that cause on the here expresses that spirit, here reflected from the fields of France. We plant this lyy that Nebraska spirit

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